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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

S I R:

Prior to substantive examination of the subject application,
please amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, before line 1, please insert the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of application
serial number 09/404,698, filed on September 24, 1999,
now U.S. Patent No. 6,348,965, issued on February 19,
2002.--

1 IN THE CLAIMS

2 Please cancel claims 1-12 and 14-18.

4 IN THE DRAWINGS

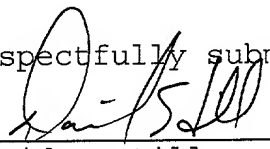
5 Please substitute the attached five (5) sheets of formal
6 drawings for the originally filed informal drawings for Figures
7 1-6. No new matter has been added.

9 REMARKS

10 Amendment to the specification has been made to merely
11 indicate reference to related patents/applications, claims 1-12
12 and 14-18 have been cancelled, and formal drawings are herein
13 submitted to replace the originally filed informal drawings. No
14 new matter has been added. Applicant submits that the present
15 invention as claimed represents a novel and patentable
16 contribution to the art, and that the application is in condition
17 for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully
18 requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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